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Armed Forces Day 2003 recognizes the sacrifices of military members past and present.  
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# The Armed Forces; a force for freedom

BY GEN. GREGORY S. MARTIN

COMMANDER, U.S. AIR FORCES IN EUROPE

RAMSTIEN AIR BASE, Germany – It has been more than 50 years since President Harry Truman signed the proclamation establishing Armed Forces Day as the third Saturday in May.

This is the day when our nation pauses to honor the courage and dedication of America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

Much has changed in the last 50 years. We've fought conflicts in Korea and Vietnam; we've sent troops to Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Haiti, the Persian Gulf and then came the tragic events of September 11th, 2001.

In two horrific hours, America and its allies found themselves confronting an entirely new set of adversaries. These enemies didn't give formal declarations of their intentions; they struck without warning, killing more than 3,000 innocent men, women and children.

In an instant, it became very apparent that it was time to call on

America's Armed Forces once again – our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives – who are willing to risk all they have to defend freedom and our way of life.

And these great professionals made all of us proud as they freed the people of Afghanistan from the oppressive Taliban regime that also harbored the nerve center of the Al Qaida terrorist network.

Most recently, we have seen those same professionals liberate the people of Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and then turn their attention to the humanitarian relief efforts necessary to ensure freedom and progress for the people of Iraq.

Please join me as we celebrate Armed Forces Day Saturday, held in conjunction with Armed Forces Week May 10 through Sunday.

This year's theme, "Force for Freedom," is very appropriate as we pay tribute to the service members who serve our nation every day; from the flight line to the front line, whether on the home front or far away from home – they are truly the guardians of our freedom and they are the world's finest fighting force.

## Roche shares gratitude to AF

BY JAMES G. ROCHE

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. (USAFENS) – On May 7, the President of the United States announced his intent to nominate me as Secretary of the United States Army. I am deeply honored by his confidence in my ability to lead the Army, and have informed the President that, if nominated and confirmed, I will serve.

In doing so, I ask you to understand that this acceptance reflects a commitment to one of our core values, "Service Before Self." My service is no different than any officer, non-commissioned officer, airman, or civilian who is asked to accept an assignment in the interests of our armed forces. I have sworn an oath to support and defend this great nation, and to obey our Commander-in-Chief. I will remain faithful to these sacred compacts.

While honored, I recognize that this nomination is more a reflection of your dedication, your excellence, your loyal service to the nation, and your great success in accomplishing our mission. Over the past two years, you have repeatedly delivered for our nation – from the defense of our skies to the global war on terrorism, all while transforming our force to meet the needs of a new era with dangerous new threats to our way of life.

We are the best Air Force in the world; and we will remain so because of the over 700,000 dedicated officer, enlisted and civilian airmen who understand how to fly, fix, launch, support, defend, and employ air and space power.

There are several steps to go in the nomination and confirmation process. Should my nomination advance to the Senate, it will require hearings before the Armed Services Committee and must be voted on by the full Senate. Nothing should be presumed as definitive at this point. If I do become Army Secretary, Diane and I will leave the Air Force with some of the most indelible and inspirational experiences of our lives. We will miss the camaraderie and esprit of all the airmen we've met. Diane will cherish the wonderful time she has spent with dear, and from here on, life-long, friends such as Ellen Jumper. And I will be forever ennobled by having the opportunity to work with and learn from such incredible leaders as John Jumper and Peter Teets.

I will continue to work vigorously to overcome the challenges we face, accomplish our mission with excellence, and care for our Air Force family. Let's keep plugging away on making the future Air Force the service of pride, the service that warriors like Gen. John Jumper want it to be, and the Service to which you have dedicated your lives.

## Uniform tip of the week

*In accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, everyone has the responsibility to maintain proper dress and appearance standards.*

**Battle Dress Uniform (BDU)**  
**Food Service Uniform**  
**Hospital Service Uniform** (Long-sleeved)

Long-sleeved camouflage pattern may be rolled up; if rolled up, sleeve material must match shirt and will touch or come within 1 inch of forearms when arm is bent at 90-degree angle. Ensure chevron is fully visible; may be removed in the immediate work area. When removed, T-shirt (other than the athletic or sleeveless style) will be worn. Blouse will be cotton and nylon twill or cotton twill; single-breasted with four bellow pockets with flaps; straight-cut bottom sleeve tabs, and side body panels with or without take-up tabs. Military creases are prohibited.

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*John T. Brannon*  
48th Fighter Wing commander

# FPCON BRAVO: no reason to let down guard

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Bases within the European command returned to Force Protection Condition Bravo April 25.

However, security officials warn military members not to let their guard down. Remain alert and report any suspicious activity to security forces or Air Force Office of Special Investigations,” said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Hensley, U.S. Air Forces in Europe chief of force protection execution and requirements.

Tensions remaining from recent events in Iraq may increase the potential threat to U.S. citizens and interests abroad, by terrorist groups, according to the Department of State Web site at [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov). Terrorist actions can include suicide operations, bombings or kidnappings. In addition, terrorists do not distinguish between official and civilian targets.

Bases can set their own level of protection based on the potential

dangers in local areas.

“Commanders can upgrade their FP Con based on recommendations from their local threat working groups,” said Hensley.

Bases throughout USAFE may close or suspend public services for security reasons. In those instances, U.S. Embassies and Consulates make every effort to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens.

“It is very important to visit the DoS travel Internet site to get the latest information while planning trips to foreign countries,” said Hensley. “You can also access the latest travel advisories with contact information to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the country you are planning to visit.”

Hensley also recommends knowing the emergency numbers for their area and to always remain alert.

*(Courtesy USAFE News Service)*

## IRS Web page assists military members

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service created a new section on its Web site containing important information to help ensure members of the U.S armed forces in a combat zone get all of the tax benefits coming to them.

The new information can be found by visiting [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), “Armed Forces Benefits” section.

The new section highlights tax provisions that apply to those in combat, which can include extensions for filing tax returns, paying taxes and exclusion of some military pay from taxes.

The new Web section includes:

❑ Questions and answers on exclusions, extensions and other tax benefits available to members of the armed forces serving in a combat zone.

❑ IRS Publication 3, Armed Force’s Tax Guide, which covers the special tax situations of active duty members of the U.S. armed forces.

❑ Several recent news releases and notices, including information for Reservists, new enlistees, troops in the Afghanistan combat zone and those involved in Operation Enduring Freedom.

❑ A special e-mail address for members of the U.S. armed forces, their spouses, authorized agents or representatives, which can be used to notify the IRS about someone serving in a combat zone.

“At this important time, our dedicated military personnel in combat zones should not be worried about tax issues,” said IRS Acting Commissioner Bob Wenzel. “We want each of them to receive all of the tax benefits that they are entitled to. We want all of our servicemen and servicewomen and their families to know that we are there to help.”

Generally, enlistees exclude all their military pay received for military service in a combat zone. For commissioned officers, the monthly exclusion is capped at the highest enlisted pay, plus hostile fire or imminent danger pay received. Amounts excluded from

gross income are not subject to federal income tax.

The IRS automatically extends the deadline for filing tax returns, paying taxes, filing claims for refund and taking other actions related to federal income tax for U.S armed forces personnel serving in a combat zone. The IRS also extends the deadline for those deployed overseas away from their permanent duty station in support of operations in a qualified hazardous duty area, but who are outside that area.

The deadline for filing returns, making payments or taking any other action with the IRS is extended for at least 180 days after:

❑ The last day of qualifying combat service, or

❑ The last day of any continuous qualified hospitalization for injury from the combat zone.

The IRS is currently working with the military to obtain information about Reservists and regular military personnel serving in combat areas. During this interim period, people in the military, their spouses or their authorized representatives have several options to claim the filing extensions or filing exclusions:

❑ When filing returns, mark “Combat Zone” at the top of the form along with the date of the deployment.

❑ Contact the IRS through the special e-mail address at [irs.gov](mailto:irs.gov). Correspondence should include the name, date of birth and date of deployment of the servicemember. No Social Security numbers should be included in the e-mail. The IRS emphasizes only military-related e-mails should go to this address. Calls can also be made to the main IRS help line at (800) 829-1040 (not toll-free overseas).

These steps also apply if a notice inadvertently goes to an individual serving in a combat zone. The notice can be deferred by following the e-mail steps or by sending the notice back to the IRS marked with the words “Combat Zone” and the date of deployment.

*(Courtesy of the IRS Newswire.)*

## Memorial service at American cemetery

BY TECH. SGT.

CLAUDETTE HUTCHINSON

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Third Air Force, the U.S. Embassy in London and RAF Lakenheath holds the 59th annual Cambridge-American Military Cemetery Memorial Service May 26 at 11 a.m. in Cambridge.

The event honors the memory of American World War II dead who helped achieve victory in Europe against the Axis powers. More than 1,000 people are expected to attend the event. The event features remarks by Her Majesty’s Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Michael John Marshall, and Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, vice commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. More than 118 associations will conduct symbolic wreaths laying in memory of those dead or missing from the war.

Additionally, the U.S. Air Forces in Europe concert band will perform music for the occasion, the RAF Lakenheath and Joint Analysis Center, RAF Molesworth Honor Guard teams will fire a 21-gun salute, and the 494th Fighter Squadron will perform a “missing man” formation fly-by to salute the fallen.

The Cambridge American Military Cemetery is one of 13 American World War II military cemetery memorials erected on foreign soil by the American Battle Monuments Commission and the only American military cemetery in the United Kingdom. It was established as a temporary military cemetery in 1943. The site was later selected as the only permanent American World War II military cemetery in the British Isles.



# LHS Seniors receive 20K in scholarships

On Monday the Community Scholarship Association awarded \$20,000 worth of scholarships to 20 Lakenheath High School seniors.

The CSA is composed of representatives from the Officers' and Enlisted Spouse Clubs on both RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall. Together, they pool their money, primarily earned at the bazaars, to award scholarships to several talented high school seniors. Awards this year range from \$500 to \$2250. The selection criteria is based on transcripts, grade point averages, activities, awards, community service, SAT/ACT scores and an essay.

The award winners for 2003 and the amounts they won are:

- ☐ Alicia M. Dooley - \$2250
- ☐ Ashley Shelton - \$1750
- ☐ Brittany Thompson - \$1750
- ☐ Allison Clemens - \$1500
- ☐ Stephanie Moss - \$1250
- ☐ Matthew Palendech - \$1000
- ☐ Christen Laughbaum - \$1000
- ☐ Brian Billington - \$1000
- ☐ Daphanee Bullen - \$1000
- ☐ Jacqueline Tabler - \$1000
- ☐ Margaret Keegan - \$1000
- ☐ Nathan Kittle - \$1000
- ☐ Danielle Sprinkle - \$750
- ☐ Sheila Destigter - \$750
- ☐ Erin Davis - \$500
- ☐ Jennifer Trias - \$500
- ☐ Brandon Bitner - \$500
- ☐ Meghan Quasney - \$500
- ☐ Amanda Miller - \$500
- ☐ Meghan Berdis - \$500

(Information courtesy of the CSA.)

## June deadline for community survey

The 2003 Community Assessment Survey is being administered throughout May to service members and spouses. RAF Lakenheath members that have received a survey by ground mail or e-mail have received a chance to improve helping agencies. Survey responses can directly influence family services and related support activities at local bases and throughout the Air Force. Recipients are asked to complete the survey by the first week of June.



Photo courtesy of the 48th Fighter Wing History Office

### 50 years of news

Airman 1st Class Louise A. Paoella, Women in the Air Force (WAF) Air Traffic Controller, became the first female member of the Lakenheath Control Tower in May 1969.



**Hometown:** Schenectady, N.Y.  
**Time in service:** nine years two months  
**Time on station:** 10 months  
**Role in mission:** Provide the best law enforcement and security measures I can to keep the Lakenheath community safe  
**Hobbies:** Traveling, watching movies  
**Favorite movie:** "Mystery, Alaska"  
**How do you contribute to the wing mission?** Being part of the team that established and maintained the Tactical Automated Security Systems around the base perimeter, which enhanced security of the installation  
**What does the Air and Space Expeditionary Force concept mean to you?** When the concept is in effect it means a troop could mentally and emotionally prepare for a scheduled deployment.  
**What do you like best about the Air Force?** Job security and travel  
**If you could change one thing about the Air Force, what would it be?** Security forces manning  
**How would you improve life at RAF Lakenheath?** More centralized housing  
**How do you fulfill core values?** By doing what is right when no one is looking  
**What's the most exciting experience you've had in the Air Force?** There are too many to say.

**If you could live in any period of time, when would it be?**

**Why?** No time like the present. I have four great kids, a beautiful wife, and a good career.

**What is your philosophy of life and why?** You look good, you'll feel good, and you'll do better things.

**What's your favorite region of the United States and why?** The South because of the warmer weather

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** Getting ready for retirement  
**What do you want your children to be when they grow up?** Whatever they want to be

**What is your greatest achievement?** My children  
**Who is your role model and why?** My father – he instilled in me where there's a will there's a way, and to always keep my head up.



Staff Sgt.  
Joseph Surin  
48th Security Forces Squadron

## Bush intends to nominate Roche for Army post

WASHINGTON (AFPN) —

President George W. Bush announced May 7 his intention to nominate Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche to become the next secretary of the Army.

Roche, who became secretary of the Air Force June 1, 2001, said he is deeply honored, adding that he will work hard to justify the nomination, should Congress approve it.

"I am deeply honored that President (George W.) Bush has announced his intention to nominate me as the next secretary of the Army," he said. "Should the nomination proceed to the Senate and should I be confirmed for this position, I will spare no effort to justify the confidence and trust the president and Secretary (of Defense Donald) Rumsfeld have placed in me."

Roche served as corporate vice president and president of the Electric Sensors and Systems Sector of the Northrop Grumman Corporation before moving to the Air Force. He is a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Navy.

## Per diem ensured beyond 180 days

WASHINGTON (AFPN) —

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche recently granted a blanket waiver authorizing payment of per diem to servicemembers if they remain on temporary duty beyond 180 days.

Normally, an individual waiver must be requested and approved as outlined in the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, said Lt. Col. William J. Buechel, chief of Air Force assignments policy at the Pentagon.

Without an individual waiver, payment of an airman's per diem stops on the 181st day of a deployment, Buechel said. The blanket waiver does not apply to Guard and Reserve people on active duty because many of them require separate approval to remain on active duty to serve a longer TDY.

By granting a blanket waiver, Roche kept the Air Force from having to process thousands of individual waivers and ensured airmen would continue to be paid per diem for TDY in excess of 180 days, Buechel said.



Photo by Airman K.L. Kimbrell

### Tomorrow's Air Force

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFPN) — Trevor Pelletier tries on a gas mask as he tours "Base X." He is the son of 2nd Lt. Chad and Nikki Pelletier from the 552nd Training Squadron here. Trevor and other children of airmen assigned here participated in Operation KUDOS, designed to help "Kids Understand Deployment Operations." Children received briefings, processed through a deployment line and received ID cards and dog tags. At "Base X," they received samples of meals ready to eat and toured through tents that house sleeping quarters, kitchens and recreation areas.

## Plan will get AEF back on track

BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOT

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON — While many deployed airmen are returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom to heros' welcomes, others deployed for as much as three times longer are still waiting to hear when they will go home.

What appears to some as an obvious disparity is actually a case of differing mission objectives, said the general in charge of air and space expeditionary force policy. "The issue is, 'What job were these people sent to do,'" said Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon. "Some of the people in OIF are already home because that operation went so well and so quickly that the combatant commander was able to release them.

"There is a difference for Operation Enduring Freedom folks. Those people are filling a requirement that hasn't changed. They will rotate when the Air Force has the combatant commanders' requirements worldwide and develops the rotation to support them."

Besides manning requirements for OEF and OIF, a recent increase in Pacific Air Forces further strained the AEF rotation schedule. On top of that, Peppe said, the service is obligated to provide about 1,700 people to augment the staffs of commanders worldwide.

The Air Force uses the AEF's standard three-month rotation plan to bring deployment predictability to airmen and their families, but the operational demands of OIF and other requirements forced the service to break out of

that mold. The plan is for the AEF deployment schedule to be back on track by early 2004, Peppe said.

To achieve that goal, the Air Force plans to piece together two transitional AEFs to meet deployment combatant commanders' needs into 2004. Manning for these two AEFs will come from the ranks of those who have not deployed this cycle.

"Everyone who did not deploy needs to be on notice that we may need them to be a part of this rotation, or the next, as we get back to a more normal AEF rhythm," he said.

The numbers of people and types of equipment making up the new AEFs have yet to be determined by combatant commanders. The Air Force's goal is to have new mission requirements defined by the middle of May, Peppe said.

As vital as the new mission requirements are to the rotation schedule, the general said patience is just as important.

"We can't send 100 aircraft over there to rotate everyone out at once," he said. "There are only so many aircraft available to do that type of work, so some people will rotate on day one, and some will rotate on day 15."

It is also important deployed airmen know they are not forgotten, Peppe said.

"There is nobody who wants to bring the troops home and start a rotation any more than the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff," he said. "They are acutely aware that those people have been frozen in place.

"We want to get on with the rotation," Peppe said, "but there is a mission at hand, and we will support that mission."





# Coalition forces 'shoulder to shoulder'



**(Left)** Staff Sgt. Kelvyn Thompson, a squadron quarter master sergeant from the 126th Petroleum Squadron, 166th Supply Regiment, Royal Logistics Corps, checks the servicability of equipment inside the 48th Logistics Readiness Squadron's warehouse at RAF Lakenheath. **(Below)** Corporal Alex Russell, a visual M-and mechanical inspection mechanic from the British Royal Army's 104th Battalion, and Airman 1st Class Dennis Carter, a 48th Logistics Readiness Squadron general purpose mechanic, go over a change to a technical order during a power steering upgrade on a high mobility multi-wheeled vehicle at RAF Lakeheath's Vehicle Maintenance facility.



Photos by Staff Sgt. William Greer

Private Sarah Taylor, a supply specialist from the 123rd Combat Supply Squadron, 166th Supply Regiment, Royal Logistics Corps, catalogs and inventories aircraft tires at the 48th LRS warehouse.

## Story By Tech Sgt. Dean J. Miller 48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

*"This is not a battle between the United States of America and terrorism, but between the free and democratic world and terrorism. We, therefore, here in Britain, stand shoulder to shoulder with our American friends in this hour of tragedy, and we, like them, will not rest until this evil is driven from our world."*

— British Prime Minister Tony Blair following Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S.

As the U.S. Defense Department committed forces to Operation Iraqi Freedom, the U.K. Ministry of Defence joined the United States as part of a coalition to remove the previous Iraqi regime. The United Kingdom dubbed their participation in the coalition effort Operation Telic.

Around the same time, a long-standing support agreement between U.S. forces in the U.K. and the MOD was activated. Known as the Lines of Communication Arrangement for Host Nation Support, or 'LOC', the agreement was activated to bring forces from the U.K. Territorial army (similar to U.S. National Guardsmen) and Royal Air Force to RAF Lakenheath for the first time.

The LOC can be activated in times of peace, crisis or war to give a variety of personnel or materiel support to U.S. forces based in the United Kingdom.

Mobilized under the umbrella of Operation Telic, U.K. Territorial forces are now living and working at RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall. On RAF Lakenheath, U.K. forces are currently working shoulder-to-shoulder with members of the 48th Logistics Readiness Squadron in the vehicle management and distribution flights. They are here on 90-day orders that can be extended to 12 months and beyond, as needed.

"The troops have settled in quite quickly," said U.K. Territorial army Maj. Mike Cahill, host-nation liaison officer and deployed forces commander. "We've had to learn about new equipment, different vehicles, and American systems and practices, but we have taken our place along side our U.S. counterparts. I have every confidence in my soldiers to support any mission that they may be called upon to perform."

Lt. Col. Nancy Combs, 48th LRS commander, said the effort has served as an incredible force multiplier within her squadron and brings valuable skills to the mission.

"One of the U.K. vehicle operators repaired a vehicle lift gate in-house, preventing us from having to send it to an off-base contractor," said Combs.

"Their sense of involvement in our squadron is noteworthy; they are consistently seeking ways to contribute to the mission," she said. "They're all volunteers who are well-trained and professional."

While mobilized here, U.K. forces have assisted with vehicle maintenance and operations and helped relocate an entire warehouse of supplies.



Video games are a popular leisure activity in for the British Royal Army personnel while relaxing in 48th Services Squadron Contingency Lodging





Travis Padgett, 48th Security Forces Squadron, tries to beat RAF Fairford's Doug Branson for the tag at third. SFS beat Fairford 17-2 in a qualifying game during the intramural softball tournament Saturday at RAF Lakenheath.

## Ammo crushes CES to take softball tourney title

BY MASTER SGT. WILL ACKERMAN

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Hard-hitting bats proved too much as the 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron "Ammo" team pummeled the 48th Civil Engineer Squadron team in a double-elimination final 15-1 and 17-5 to take first place at an intramural softball tournament at RAF Lakenheath fields Saturday.

Ten teams from RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall and RAF Fairford competed against each other at the softball fields behind Lakenheath High School in a tournament sponsored and officiated by the RAF Lakenheath Varsity Men's softball team.

Ironically, CES walked into the final needing only one win after they beat Ammo earlier in the day 13-10. But Ammo's hard-hitters overpowered CES in both final games to relegate CES to a second-place finish.

The winning strategy: "We came out, had fun, swung the bats and played good defense," said Ammo coach Freddie Dierenfield. Key players included Terrence "Bear" Barfield and Randy Wilhide, who were power hitters that returned from last

season's team, Dierenfield said.

But this team is no stranger to winning titles. The same group of guys took the 2002 RAF Lakenheath Intramural Softball Championship.

Although they struggled against Ammo in

Ballesteros for "setting the team on fire" with power hitting and "incredible defense."

Although they didn't win the tournament, AMXS fought through the loser's bracket, eventually losing to Ammo 18-14 to finish with the third-place trophy and a 3-2 record.

Besides fighting for the top-three spots to earn a trophy, the tournament provided a day of camaraderie between teams who often meet in games throughout the regular intramural season.

"A lot of the teams play in intramural and the players know each other," said Joe Hacker, the event's co-organizer and RAF Lakenheath Men's Varsity Softball team coach. "(Consequently), there was a lot of trash talking going on, but all in fun."

The tournament was also a fund-raiser for the men's varsity team, with entry fees paid by the participants, Hacker said. The event raised about \$1,100 that helps offset the varsity team players' costs for items such as gas and billeting when they travel to tournaments throughout U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases. Players make up the difference for costs not provided through fund-raising, Hacker said.



Photos by Master Sgt. Will Ackerman

First baseman Marty Skipper, 48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, hammers a pitch against 48th Equipment Squadron's Ammo during a softball tournament at RAF Lakenheath Saturday. Ammo defeated AMXS 18-14.

the final two games to take second place, CES dominated their opponents in the qualifying bracket games earlier, beating the 48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron team 14-3, 48th Equipment Maintenance 17-3 and Ammo.

"We played as a team and had fun," said CES coach Clint Jordan. He singled out first baseman Chris Grinder's defense as "outstanding," and right fielder Salvador



# Symbol of peace, in time of war

BY CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) MICHAEL S. TINNON

48TH FIGHTER WING CHAPLAIN OFFICE

In light of the United State's action against the Iraqi regime, it's not uncommon to see civilian demonstrators protesting the war at the front gate of military installations worldwide. Back in the United States, a female college basketball player captured the attention of national and international media, refusing to address the U.S. flag during the national anthem, instead turning her back to the flag. In civilian life, many people misunderstand the military mission. Many challenge me as a military chaplain with this misunderstanding, asking, "How can I wear the uniform that symbolizes war, and also wear the cross upon it which symbolizes peace?"

It's easy for me to tell them that, by law and by statute, the primary mission of the U.S. military is, first and foremost, to preserve peace; second, to provide for the security of our country, its borders and internal security; and third, to implement national policy as it pertains to peace treaties with friendly nations, which of themselves cannot repel the aggression of greedy neighbors.

I see nothing in this mission that doesn't appeal to the highest ideals of any man or woman, regardless of his or her religion. Indeed, it was Cardinal O'Neal, the great churchman, who once said, "If I had not become a priest, I most certainly would have had to be a soldier, because they are both called to identical missions, that is, the preservation of peace, the establishment of justice when it has been lost, and the providing of security with protection for the weak and innocent."

Every citizen is entitled to the right of personal freedom of speech – a right guaranteed by the sacrifice of thousands of courageous military servicemembers who risked their lives to ensure freedom of speech. The late Army Maj. Gen. Roland M. Gleszer once said, "People seem to forget that the soldier, not the journalist, has preserved the freedom of the press. The soldier, not the poet, has preserved freedom of speech. The soldier, not the campus organizer, has preserved the freedom to demonstrate."

British author Thomas Paine said, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

The Bible does not always give simple, ready-made solutions to the complicated moral issues of nuclear war, the threat of brutal dictators using weapons of mass destruction, the fight against global terrorism, or counteracting insurgencies around the world. These are issues we must

struggle with individually, and with one another.

Few recollections from the time of the Vietnam conflict captured the emotions of the period as well as those of a civilian minister in my hometown of Lexington, Ky. He was attending the funeral of a 19-year-old Army soldier, one of the nearly 57,000 American servicemen who were killed in Vietnam.

"This whole business of war disturbs me," he wrote. "I have never felt compelled to enlist as a chaplain. The truth is, I am not eager to see war firsthand." He didn't know the soldier, his family or anyone at the funeral. In fact, he only attended on an impulse.

Surveying the grief-torn family, he could tell they were poor and common people – faceless people who put gas in your car, or sell you shoes, or fix your gutters, or deliver mail. Nobody to me, or maybe more to me than I could ever realize. He followed them in his car to a country cemetery. "I was going to see the boy buried because I felt indebted to him," he said. "He died for me and my children; he deserved some respect."

As the procession passed people busy at their daily routines, he thought, "Heroes die so little boys can play baseball on vacant lots and men and women can go to work and support their families and students can learn or demonstrate." When the quiet and simple service concluded, he walked over to the grief-stricken mother and father and took them by the hand.

"I wasn't acting the preacher," he wrote. "I was just a man with two children of my own. I came today because I'm grateful," he told them. "I did not know your boy, nor do I know you, but thank you!"

Today, as we carry out business at RAF Lakenheath, on military bases and at deployed sites around the world, military chaplains pray for peace. On aircraft carriers, destroyers and nuclear submarines carrying out the nation's orders on the high seas, sailors pray for peace. On dark, dusty nighttime patrols in Iraq, soldiers and Marines pray for peace. Above hostile enemy territory, airmen pray for peace. Along the demilitarized zone that separates North and South Korea, military servicemembers pray for peace. The late Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur once said, "The soldier above all other people, prays for peace, for he or she must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

In times like these, it seems that our faith in God and our universal need for prayer serve as a common denominator. Let us all continue to pray for peace.

# Reapers make history during interception

BY CAPT WADE WEISS

48TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

For an aircraft maintenance officer, it's rare to get the opportunity to perform as a production superintendent of a fighter squadron – especially for a real-world alert launch to intercept Russian bombers.

The 493rd Fighter Squadron made history April 25 by responding to the first alert launch and scramble since 1999 to intercept the two Russian TU-142 Bears that unexpectedly entered Icelandic airspace near Naval Air Station, Keflavik.

I felt it prudent to present my perspective of the launch that morning and give credit to those Reapers that actually made it happen.

On April 25 we were on the standard

12-hour alert posture, we were not scheduled to fly until the afternoon, and we were not due into work until 10 a.m. Yet, 40 minutes after I received the 9:05 a.m., no-notice, alert recall, Reaper maintainers had two primary jets and a spare prepared and ready to go.

"Scramble, Scramble, Scramble" came over the radio at 9:55 a.m. and by 10:35 all three Eagles were airborne.

It took many people to make that morning's alert launch the success it was.

The Reaper team included Tech. Sgt. Pete Darmstedter, Staff Sgts. Jason Schmidt, Chris Wright and Christopher Baker, Senior Airmen Johnathan Taylor, Richard Ashley and Ernest Limjoco, and Airmen 1st Class Jeff Brown, Eric Parry and Steven Davidson, all from the 48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, as well

as Tech. Sgt. Paul Marquez and Senior Airman Brian Zackery, from the 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Airman 1st Class Scott Wilburn, from the 48th Component Maintenance Squadron, and Staff Sgts. Jason Grady and Nate Flugel, from the 85th Maintenance Squadron, Keflavik, and the entire swing shift. These airmen ensured all three alert jets flew Code 1 the day prior and were all key to the timely launch of the Eagles.

This no-notice recall to generate three F-15's in less than an hour to protect the sovereignty of Iceland's air space is why the 493rd Grim Reapers are here. We got the call, did exactly what we were supposed to do and did it exceptionally well and I think the Reapers' performance on April 25 definitely deserves an unmistakable "ROG!"





# Discover Britain

By Sal Davidson – Community Relations Adviser



## The life of Florence Nightingale

Often when we think of the history of nursing in this country, the image of Florence Nightingale, the Lady with the Lamp, springs to mind. But what made her so special?

### Background

Florence Nightingale was born in Italy in 1820 to a wealthy couple who were on their grand tour of Europe. She was named Florence after her birthplace. Her sister, also born in Italy, was named Parthenope - the Greek name for the city of Naples. When they returned to England, the family divided their time between Derbyshire in the north of England and Hampshire in the south. Their former home in Hampshire is now a school.

It was usual for young ladies of this time to make a "good marriage," and Florence was certainly attractive enough for this to happen. She, however, had other plans.

### Call from God

Whilst in the gardens at her home in Hampshire, Florence had what she described as her "calling." She is said to have heard the voice of God calling her to do his work, but had no idea what that work was to be.

### Early Nursing

Florence started to make home visits to the sick in her local community, and at the same time developed an interest in the social questions of the day. She became interested in the work of hospitals and nursing. Her parents refused to allow her to become a nurse as this was not considered a suitable profession for a well-educated woman of the mid-19th century.

As with many such family disagreements of the time, the solution was to send the young person on a European tour with friends so they would forget any

such notions. On this tour, Florence travelled to Italy, Egypt and Greece. She returned in 1850 by way of Germany where she visited Pastor Theodor Fliedner's hospital and school for deaconesses at Kaiserswerth, near Dusseldorf. Florence returned the following year to undertake three months of nurse training, enabling her to take up the position of Superintendent of the Establishment for Gentlewomen During Illness at No. 1 Harley

subscription was organised to raise funds to enable her to continue her reform work in the hospitals of Britain. One of her greatest achievements was to raise nursing to the level of a respectable profession for women, and she established the Nightingale Training School for Nurses at St. Thomas's Hospital in London.

She wrote on nursing and hospital planning with particular emphasis on the aspects of public health.



### Florence Nightingale Museum

If you are interested in finding out more about the story of Florence Nightingale, the Florence Nightingale Museum is on Lambeth Palace Road in London. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays (last admission at 4 p.m.), and 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and bank holiday Mondays (last admission at 3:30 p.m.). The museum is closed Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Dec. 24 through Jan. 2. Admission: adults £4.80, children £3.80, family £12 (2 adults, 2 children.) The nearest tube station is Westminster or Waterloo.

Street in London. Harley Street is still famous today for its clinics and medical establishments.

### The Crimean War (1853-56)

In March 1854, Britain, France and Turkey declared war on Russia. It was during this conflict that Florence Nightingale is best known for her nursing work. She was sent to Turkey by the Minister of War, Sidney Herbert, in response to criticism of the British medical facilities for the wounded there. Herbert was known socially by Florence because of her work in Harley Street. She went to oversee the introduction of female nurses into the military hospitals.

### Back in Britain

This move was a great success and, in recognition of the nation's gratitude for Florence Nightingale's hard work, a public

In addition to the museum, there is a resource centre. There's also a Diary of Events which includes lectures, exhibitions and other activities. For example, this year from March until August sees a temporary exhibition – "Unsung Heroes." It is a way to discover the fascinating and very different life stories of women who braved appalling conditions to nurse sick and wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

It focuses on nine London women who followed Florence Nightingale to the Scutari hospitals. Personal memorabilia will be on display including medals and uniforms. This particular exhibition coincides with the 100th anniversary of Royal Patronage of nursing in the army and navy.

For the children, there is an interactive part to this exhibition. They can join "Reggie the Rat" for a guided tour through the personal experiences of the nurses.

Visit [www.florence-nightingale.co.uk](http://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk).







Events

Hawaiian heritage group

The London Pau Hana group holds a meeting at noon May 25 in Cambridge. The group allows people living in England to connect with each other and those back in Hawaii. Sign up at [www.globalpauhana.org](http://www.globalpauhana.org).

High school arts festival and sports auction

A Night at the Arts is from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at the Lakenheath High School gym. It features students' art exhibits, music and drama presentations. A sports memorabilia auction is from 3:30 to 9 p.m. and includes signed footballs, posters, jerseys and other items. Food is sold in the LHS cafeteria. For more information, call LHS at 226-3115.

Briefs

Guard vacancies

The 109th Airlift Wing, Stratton National Guard Base, Scotia, N.Y., offers traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1A2X1, 1C0X2, 1C3X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2E6X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2T251, 3E0X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X1, 3E7X1, 3E9X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4A2X1, 4E0X1, 4N0X1, 4T0X1 and 4Y0X1, as well as full-time active duty opportunities in 2A5X3 and 8R000. For more information, e-mail Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson at [Wesley.Ryerson@nyscot.ang.af.mil](mailto:Wesley.Ryerson@nyscot.ang.af.mil).

Commissary hours

The RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall Commissaries close May 26 for Memorial Day. RAF Lakenheath Commissary hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays. RAF Mildenhall Commissary hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

Special needs support group

The support group for Families of Children with Special Needs meets at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday in Building 611, next to hourly child care. Babysitting for children with special needs and siblings under age 10 years is provided.

Airman's Attic hours

The Airman's Attic opens 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays for military members, dependents and retirees. The Airman's Attic needs donations of good, clean, re-usable items. Call ahead before bringing large or numerous items. Don't leave donations outside; it's considered a security risk. For more information, call the attic at 226-2140 or e-mail [lakenheathattic@aol.com](mailto:lakenheathattic@aol.com).

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School board forum

The RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall Community School Board holds an open forum at 6:30 p.m. May 22 at the RAF Mildenhall Chapel. Parents, educators and school administrators are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit the Department of Defense Dependents Schools page on the RAF Lakenheath Intranet or call the school liaison office at 226-5077 or 5078.

Classes

Central Texas College

The dean and deputy chancellor of Central Texas College, Europe, will be available to answer questions from potential instructors at 2 p.m. and from potential students at 3 p.m. Monday at Bldg. 948. The school's program focuses on lower-level vocational and technical training. For more information, call the education office at 226-3851.

Family Support Center

The Family Support Center offers the following:

- Monday
  - 11 a.m. – Mandatory pre-separation briefing
- Tuesday
  - 8:30 a.m. – Transition assistance program
- three-day seminar
  - Noon – Heart's Apart lunch
- Wednesday
  - 10 a.m. – Sponsorship training
  - 3 p.m. – Pet scoop
  - 6 p.m. – Bereavement support group
  - 7 p.m. – Pre-deployment briefing for spouses of active duty
- Thursday
  - 8 and 10:30 a.m. – Pre-deployment briefings for active duty
- Friday
  - 8:45 a.m. – Newcomers' bus tour
  - 11:30 a.m. – Single parents' lunch

MOVIES  
RAF Lakenheath 226-2139

Today  
6:30 p.m., X-2, PG-13, starring Patrick Stewart and Hugh Jackman. The X-Men have new and old opponents to face this time around. Magneto is back, but there is also a threat to Professor Xavier's school for mutants led by a human named Stryker, not to mention a vicious woman named Yuriko who has it in for Wolverine.  
10 p.m., X-2, PG-13



Saturday  
4 p.m., Jungle Book 2, G, animated. Mowgli gets restless and decides to return to the "bare necessities" of jungle life. He leaves behind his new girlfriend Shanti who's afraid of the dangerous wild animals Mowgli used to romp around with. Mowgli's old nemesis, the tiger named Shere Khan, is out for bloody revenge. Can old friends Baloo and crew help Mowgli avoid Khan's lethal claws?  
6:30 p.m., It Runs In The Family, PG-13, starring Kirk Douglas and Michael Douglas. From Mitchell Gromberg to his son Alex and grandson Asher, everyone is trying to cope with life, and a distinctly different set of problems. Mitchell grapples with his mortality, while Alex tries to avoid becoming his father. Meanwhile, Asher just tries to stay relatively straight as he goes through college.  
9:30 p.m., Deliver Us From Eva, R, starring LL Cool J and Gabrielle Union. Hardened by her parents' deaths, Eva gives up her dreams to provide for her three sisters. The sisters honor and obey Eva's every decision, often at the expense of their self-absorbed men. Fed up, the three men conspire to rid themselves of Eva once and for all.



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Monday  
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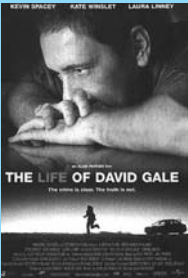
Tuesday  
6:30 p.m., Just Married, PG-13, starring Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy. Two young newlyweds from wealthy families find that the perfect honeymoon in Venice is turning into the worst one imaginable. Can the marriage, which many of their friends and family said was a bad idea, survive the celebration?

Wednesday  
6:30 p.m., It Runs In The Family, PG-13.

Thursday  
6:30 p.m., The Life Of David Gale, R, starring Kevin Spacey, Kate Winslet and Laura Linney. Dr. David Gale, a Texas professor and advocate for the elimination of the death penalty, is falsely accused and convicted of the rape and murder of another activist, Constance Harraway, and ends up on the state's notorious death row himself.

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Today  
6:30 p.m., Gods and Generals, PG-13, starring Bruce Boxleitner and Billy Campbell. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, the famous Confederate general who, along with Gen. Robert E. Lee, must weigh the mighty consequences of his actions, as each battle costs the lives of thousands of men. On the Union side, there's Col. Joshua Chamberlain, who, like Jackson and Lee, is fond of making long, poetic speeches to his troops. Beginning with the start of the war and ending with Jackson's death, the film chronicles the three main battles leading up to Gettysburg.



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3:30 p.m., X-2, PG-13  
6:30 p.m., X-2, PG-13

Monday  
6:30 p.m., The Life of David Gale, R.

Tuesday  
6:30 p.m., Cradle 2 the Grave, PG-13, starring DMX and Jet Li. An international criminal kidnaps the daughter of a gang leader as part of a diamond heist. It causes the city's police to engage in an intensive search aided by the gang leader.

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